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TO : Lieutenant General Walter Bedell Smith, Director
Central Intelligence Agency DATE: February 28, 1951

FROM : John Edgar Hoover, Chairman
Interdepartmental Intelligence Conference

SUBJECT: NEED FOR SPECIFIC INTELLIGENCE AND
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE INFORMATION

As you know, the agencies comprising the Interdepartmental Intelligence Conference, G-2 of the Army, ONI, FBI and OSI of the Air Force, have been designated responsibilities for the internal security of the United States. The success of these agencies in this field is to a great extent dependent upon the value and relevancy of the intelligence and counterintelligence information available from all sources.

The IIC has reviewed its collective, and individual, responsibilities for the purpose of insuring that we are to the fullest extent possible meeting those responsibilities. It has been found necessary to re-evaluate and shift the emphasis of certain portions of the work performed by the IIC agencies. It has also been found, due to the continued and increased emergency, that information from foreign sources outside the jurisdiction of the IIC is steadily becoming more necessary and vital in connection with the internal security of the United States.

With this thought in mind, there are set out below specific items which have a direct bearing on the internal security of this country and the responsibilities of the IIC agencies in insuring that internal security. The IIC members realize that to develop sources and obtain detailed information concerning these items is a most difficult, and in some instances an almost impossible, task. It is felt, however, that to point out the specific items in which the IIC members have a direct interest would be of value to you and enable you to place special emphasis on the developing of the desired information.

It is essential that the most detailed specific information as is possible to obtain be furnished concerning the Russian and satellite espionage and sabotage organizations along the lines of organizational structure, mission of each organization, specific geographical areas of operation, capabilities, methods of operation, espionage and sabotage schools including courses, equipment, sabotage devices, names and cover names, penetration and placement techniques,

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communication system, operational plans, biographical data, espionage and sabotage targets according to priority, and information having any relation to these specific items. In addition, any information obtained or developed which shows how the various Communist Parties are controlled from Russia is an important need.

The information presently being furnished by you is utilized daily and is appreciated. We are certain, however, that you fully realize the vital need for this type of information and any emphasis which you may be able to place upon the obtaining of this information will certainly aid the IIC agencies in the carrying out of their responsibilities.

Handed to JDP - March 22, 1957

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